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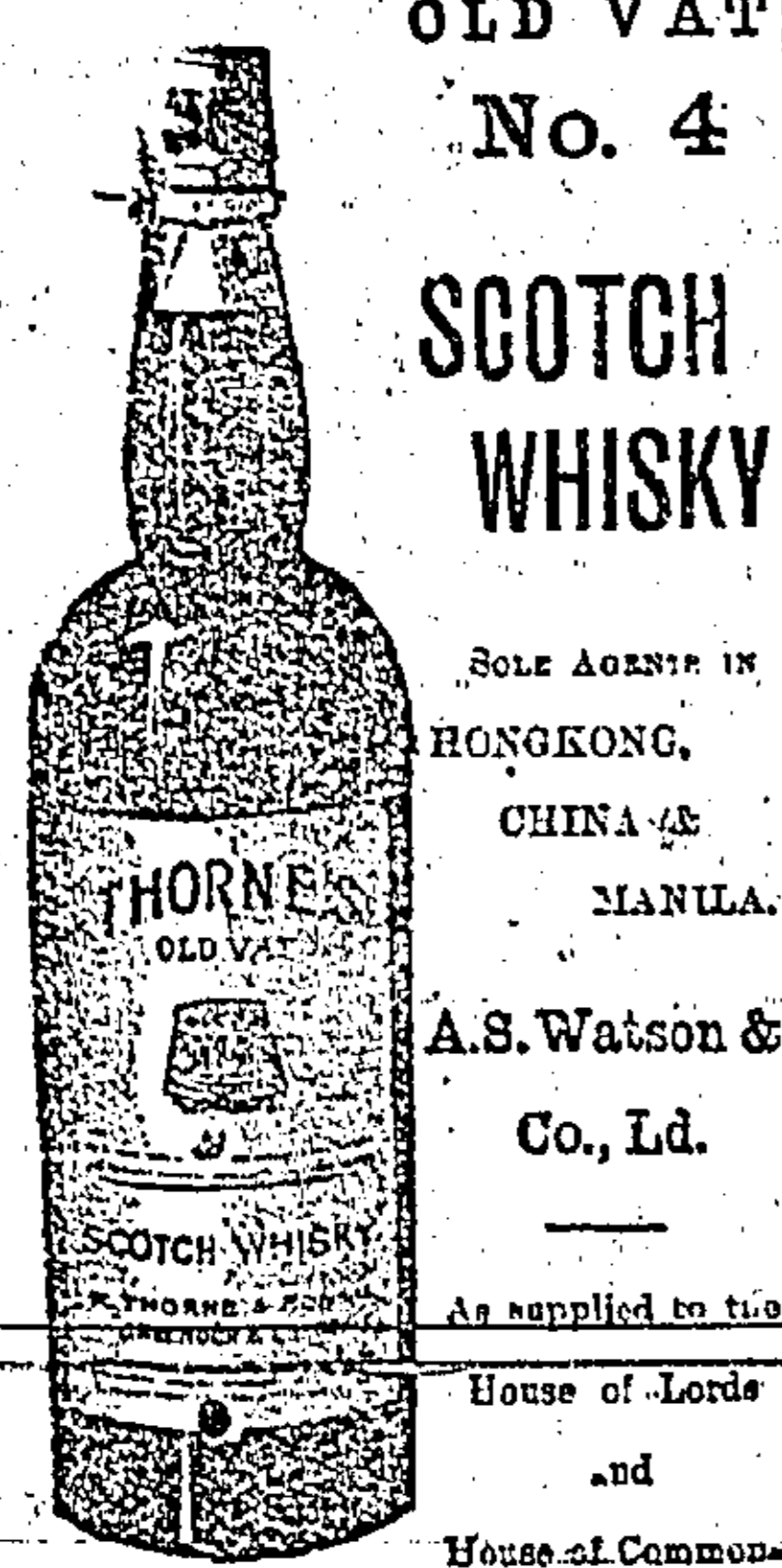
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## SHAMEN NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, February 6.

New Year's Eve turned out to be a  
pouring wet night and much money must  
have been lost by the large class of Chinese  
who depend upon making a sale of their  
goods upon the last night of the old year.  
Through the death of customers all their  
hopes must have been speedily washed  
away through the gales deluge.

Usually the Chinese New Year is ushered  
in by the letting off of tens of thousands  
of crackers and bombs, but upon this  
occasion a particular quiet night was en-  
joyed—any way by the residents of Sha-  
men. A few intellectual and watery splut-  
ters told of the futile efforts of the sampan  
denizens to make things appear seasonable,  
but Jupiter Pluvius resigned supreme.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday were all very dull and depressing  
days; Friday, the 3rd inst., turned out to  
be a magnificent day, and the good weather  
still continued. Sunday has been the joy  
day of the new year, all Canton and his  
wife must have patronized the Sha Ho  
Riding Club. People came out on foot, in  
rickshas, ghanies and broughams, on  
ponies, waters and on bicycles.

**SHAMEN SWIMMING BATH CLUB.**  
A meeting of this club was held on the  
27th ult. to receive the report and accounts  
for the year ended 31st Dec. 1910. The  
same were duly passed and it was decided  
to declare a six per cent dividend upon all  
redeemable shares.

**SHAMEN LANDLORDS MEETING.**  
The annual meeting of Shammen Land-  
lords was held at the British Consulate on  
the 6th inst. to report the report and  
accounts of the Municipal Council for  
1910 and to elect a new committee for 1911.  
The accounts having been passed, the  
following committee were elected for the  
Municipal Council viz:—Messrs C.  
Albrecht, L. Gilman, T. E. Griffin, A. V.  
Hoff, W. G. Ross.

**SOCIAL.**  
Prof Gossau gave two of his marvelous  
entertainments at the Canton Club Theatre  
on the 2nd and 3rd inst. Every one  
seemed to enjoy the Professor's wonderful  
display of hand tricks, and the thought  
reading, &c., and went away more mystified  
than ever.

The Wilmington men gave a capital  
variety entertainment at the Customs Club  
on the 28th ult. and a large and ap-  
preciative audience testified to the merit  
of the same.

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preparing of the publications are at once  
thorough and discreet. The number under  
notice worthily succeeds a long line of  
brilliant predecessors. Containing nearly  
13 plates, it is edited by Mr Charles  
Holmes, who has done his work with a  
marked degree of success, and the illus-  
trative text to the issue is from the pen of  
Mr Malcolm C. Salaman, whose enthusiasm  
is apparent in every line he writes. He is  
thoroughly in love with the old mezzotint-  
engravers of the past, "who in that wonder-  
ful second half of the 18th century brought  
to perfection an exquisite art through  
which they could interpret delightful  
masterpieces of the painter's art in  
all their spiritual and pictorial vitality  
with an appealing charm of tone and sug-  
gested colour and a completeness of ex-  
pression of the painter's conception beyond  
the scope of any other reproductive  
medium." In saying this Mr Salaman does  
not forget or fail to appreciate all the  
supreme achievements of the great and  
noble art of line-engraving, "expressing  
with greater intellectual energy pictorial  
beauty in its dignity and sublimity. But  
he speaks particularly of delightful pictures,  
and, being essentially a sympathetic  
medium, mezzotint, in its power to convey  
the quality of delight is, in the writer's  
opinion, incomparable. To quote another  
passage from Mr Salaman—"The charm  
of inimitable suggestion is, above all the  
pictorial message of mezzotint, which,  
offering as it does, a range of tone infinite  
as the very atmosphere, is rich in its  
capacity for expressing the most delicate  
harmonies that light can suggest or the  
boldest contrasts of shadow," as free from  
all harshness as nature herself. So the  
wonderful art of Rembrandt spoke with a  
new eloquence in the multitudinous tones  
of mezzotint, and so the great eighteenth-  
century painters of England found their  
finest and most sympathetic interpretation  
through this subtle and beautifully ex-  
pressive medium." After passing in review  
the talents and the characteristic genius of  
the most famous engravers of the past; the  
writer perceives that now after a long  
interval of inattention, the beautiful art of  
mezzotint, in the hands of that legitimate  
heir of the great engravers, Mr Frank  
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a capacity for original pictorial expression  
undiminished by the old reproductive mezzotint-  
engravers.

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imagine they will satisfy the most exacting  
connoisseur. As one turns over the pages  
bearing dignified and beautiful pictures of  
high-born ladies, of noble men and of  
charming children, one realises in some  
slight degree what a debt of gratitude we  
owe to the old school of engravers who toiled  
patiently on at their wonderful work of art,  
content to part with the products of their  
skill at prices which appear in these days  
as a woefully inadequate recognition of  
true genius. We who cannot hope to see  
all, much less possess any, of the originals  
of the famous pictures comprised in this  
delightful collection, are by it supplied  
with really fascinating substitutes which  
reproduce in a surprisingly impressive  
manner the appealing beauties of those old  
engravings which in these latter days have  
come by their own.

CANTON PUBLIC GAMBLING  
DOOMED.

It will be remembered that before the  
close of the old Chinese year H. E. Cheung  
announced his intention that public gam-  
bling should come to an end in Canton.  
Some further discussion has arisen since  
he took over the seals of office. It appears  
that there are still those in high positions  
who think that it is not possible to let the  
revenue therefrom slip through their  
hands at this time. But H. E. Cheung  
otherwise. He has sent on his intentions  
to the Throne and has received a reply.  
From the report before us it appears that  
he advised that the gambling be shut down  
on the first day of the third month. This  
memorial has been favourably accepted at  
Peking, and permission has been forward-  
ed. It now remains to be seen what will  
take place. We have often pointed out  
how things supposed to be excellent on  
paper, have been found but feebly re-  
produced in actual life. This gambling  
business is of long standing and those who  
have lived longest in Canton can look back  
and remember the dens and the crowds of  
loafers. It will need some determination  
to destroy the vice, and even more vigilance  
to prevent its recurrence.

An old and well known missionary  
has just passed away in Japan, in the  
person of Dr. M. N. Wyckoff, Professor of  
English and Natural Science in the Presby-  
terian and Reformed Church in America  
Mission College, Meiji Gakuin, Shirokane,  
Tokyo. For the past quarter of a century  
at least Dr. Wyckoff has been prominently  
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the Japanese, and in financial and other  
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besides devoting attention to benevolent  
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lar troops on duty in London during the  
Coronation week, as well as very large  
numbers of Territorials, Yeomanry, and  
Indian and Colonial troops. The Duke of  
Connaught will very likely take com-  
mand of this special force, as he did at the  
crowning of King Edward VII. His two  
principal assistants in the ordinary war  
will be Major-General J. S. Cowans,  
Director-General of the Territorial Force,  
while Prince Arthur of Connaught will act  
as principal aide-de-camp to his father.  
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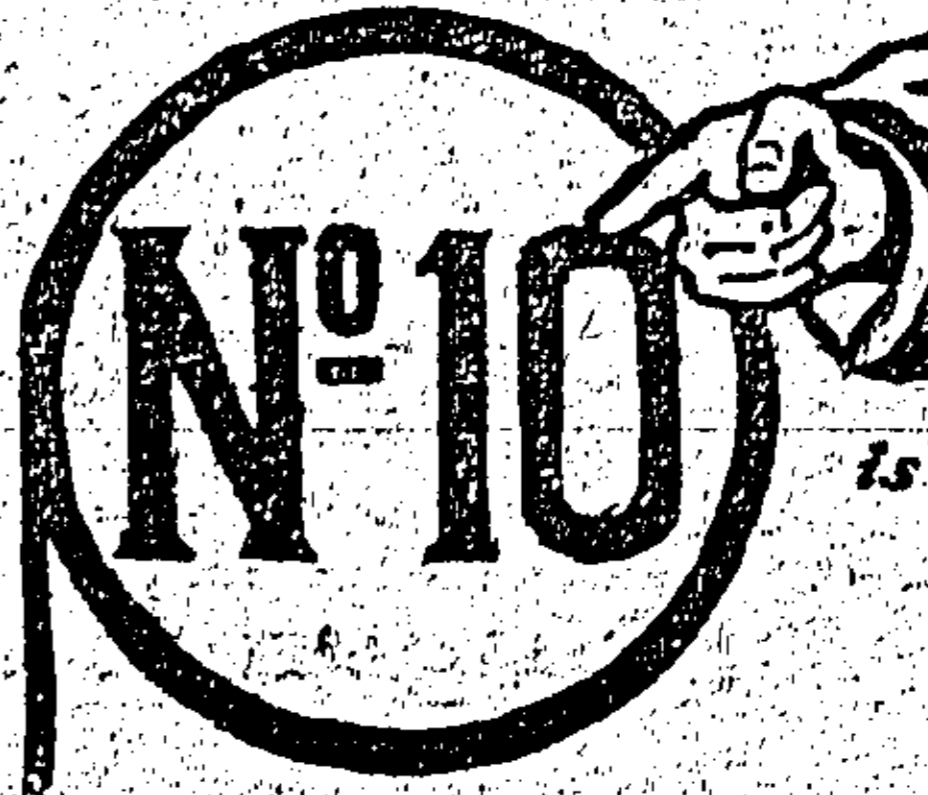
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## SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, January 10.

UNIONIST POSITION IN SCOTLAND.

An important body of evidence as to the state of political opinion in Scotland appears in the columns of the *Scotsman*, the leading Unionist newspaper. At the close of the General Election, the editor addressed a confidential letter to all the Scottish Unionist candidates, over fifty replies were received; and the published summary of them is of considerable interest, even although, as is only natural, they show a bias towards Unionism.

The first question put to the candidates was, 'Whether Mr. Balfour's promises of a Referendum on Tariff Reform was of material advantage to the Unionists at the election. The answer is in the affirmative; but that the promise was given too late for the full advantage to be reaped.'

The next question referred to the House of Lords. A considerable number of the candidates believe that had there been longer time for platform work, the Lansdowne-Rosebery Resolutions would have enabled the party to do better at the polls. But the majority agree that a more definite and more popular scheme is needed if an effective appeal is to be made to Scottish constituencies.

In regard to the third question, 'Was there any indication that feeling in favour of Scottish Home Rule was of real importance in the constituencies?' The reply is unanimously in the negative. In a considerable number of the constituencies the candidates were never questioned on the subject, and in none of them did it create the slightest anxiety to the Unionists. The electors, however, showed keen interest in suggestions about Devolution.

As to Irish Home Rule, candidates say that it is not more in favour in Scotland to-day than it was when it broke down the Gladstonian ascendancy. The evidence collected indicates, says the *Scotsman*, that 'if the Government be driven to the country on a Parsonage Home Rule Bill, the representation will be greatly changed.'

THE SCOTTISH SEASON.

The height of the winter season in Edinburgh is always marked by two important balls, organised by prominent leaders of Scottish Society. This year they were especially gay and picturesque gatherings. The Assembly Rooms were reserved for dancing, the Music Hall was converted into a dining-room, and the adjoining suite of apartments were used as drawing-rooms. The decorative scheme of the Music Hall was invented by Lord Rathven, and it represented an old baronial hall, lit by wax candles and antique lanterns. There was a minstrel's gallery, in which a band played a selection of music on muted strings.

The Tally Ho! Ball was the first to take place. Its principal feature was a Hunt Quadrille, in which the different sets were made up by members of the Royal Caledonian Hunt, the Duke of Buccleuch's Hunt, the Earl of Eglinton's Hunt, the Fife Hunt, the Lullwhing and Stirlingshire Hunt, the Lauderdale Hunt, and the Northumberland and Berwickshire Hunt. Each Hunt entered separately, and following Court mourning, the ladies were gownned alternately in black dresses and white dresses. Each wore a diamond tiara, and carried a silver tipped Empire stick, black or white according to the colour of the gown, and tied with bunches of Parma violets. The programme of music included a number of hunting songs, which were sung, while dancing was in progress, by a soloist, or a quintette. Two items, 'The Avonlea Waltz' and a two-step called 'Don't Stop,' were composed for the ball by Lady Garioch.

At the second assembly, sets of reels were substituted for the Hunt Quadrille, the dances being under the supervision of Lord Dundas. Among the gentlemen who took part were representatives of four Highland Regiments, the Blackwatch, the Seaforth Highlanders, the Cameron Highlanders, and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The dresses of the ladies, including those who, later on, took part in the Ballroom Medley, ran in colour from white, through deepening shades of mauve, to deep purple, and four were gownned in black dresses. There were five sets, — Duchess of Hamilton and Brindley's Reels, Anna, Countess of Morny's Reels, Lady Marjorie Mackenzie's Reels, Countess of Rothes's Reels, and Georgina, Lady Belhaven and Stenton's Reels. Eight Ladies and eight gentlemen danced in the Ballroom Medley for which the music was played by Major MacRae Gilstrap's pipers, brought from Ballinmore for the occasion. Four of the ladies were dressed in black gowns, and each wore a tartan scarf.

It is understood that, as the result of heavy losses incurred during the past two or three years, a number of underwriting members of Lloyd's have resigned, and will cease their connection with this corporation. The results of marine insurance underwriting for 1910 are anticipated with even keener interest than at former times, as it is believed they will prove even less profitable than was expected 12 months ago. In consequence, the annual audit is regarded with some anxiety. Naturally, underwriters have been affected by the stress of hard times, and it is expected that, with a view to an improvement in the situation, an attempt will be made to secure an all-round increase in rates, chiefly on vessels of the liner class, the casualties in connection with which have been unusually heavy of late. It is calculated that the losses which have been paid this year amount to £2,000,000.

## His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Commanders	Last report at
Alcidity	despatch-vessel	1700	12	2000	Comdr. Lowndes	Hongkong
Astrea	cruiser, 2nd class	4300	10	7000	Captain E. B. Kiddle	Hongkong
Admiralty	Admiralty tug	—	—	—	Master W. West	Hongkong
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. B. O. Washington	Shanghai
Baldomart	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut.-Comdr. E. H. Donovan	Shanghai
Cadmus	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. H. Lynes	Shanghai
Cherub	water tank and tug	300	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Clio	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. H. R. Veale	Shanghai
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	—	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser, 2nd class	4300	10	7000	Capt. J. Nicholas	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Comdr. H. J. D. Guy, V.C.	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. Monroe	Hongkong
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	250	6	3900	Lieut.-Comdr. Heathcote	Hongkong
Keut	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	22,000	Capt. S. St. John Farquhar	Hongkong
Kinsia	river gunboat	614	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. T. J. S. Lyns	Yangtze
Merlin	sloop	1040	—	—	Capt. F. C. Leamonth	Hongkong
Minotaur	cruiser, 1st class	14,600	—	27,000	Capt. Coffey	Hongkong
Monmouth	cruiser, 1st class	9800	—	—	Capt. L. E. Power	Hongkong
Mooroon	river gunboat	180	2	806	Lt.-Comdr. G. P. Leith	West River
Newcastle	cruiser, 2nd class	4800	—	—	Capt. G. E. P. Hunt, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Nightingale	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Comdr. C. H. Woodward	Yangtze
Otter	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Comdr. C. L. Lambie	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. C. A. O. Douglas	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. E. J. Southby	Yangtze
Ship	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. J. M. Barker	Yangtze
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6500	Comdr. E. J. Trillo	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4650	6	—	Commodore C. J. Eyres	Hongkong
Ted	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. R. J. Buchanan	Yangtze
Tidal	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. M. B. Hamilton	Shanghai
Thistle	torpedo boat destroyer	335	6	6300	Lieut.-Comdr. H. D. Adair-Hall	Hongkong
Waterwitch	surveying ship	620	—	450	Lt.-Comdr. Hancock	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	5900	Lieut.-Comdr. G. B. Hartford	Hongkong
Widgeon	river gunboat	175	2	800	Lieut.-Comdr. B. R. Brooke	West River
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lieut.-Comdr. M. H. Wilding	Upper Yangtze
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. G. F. A. Mulock	Upper Yangtze

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## Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captains.	Last report at
Kaiser Franz Joseph I	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	—	—	Capt. Alfred Cioffi	Amoy.
Achéron	French armoured cruiser	1830	10	1700	Lieut. Bertrand	Saigon.
Alger	French cruiser	3420	22	5100	Capt. Delons	Saigon.
Alouette	French gunboat	504	7	400	Commander Budin	Saigon.
Argus	French river gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. d'Estienne	Canton.
Canade	French gunboat	150	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserv.
Canote	French gunboat	590	6	500	Comdr. J. Gervais	Saigon.
Decade	French gunboat	645	10	1000	Lieut. de Linares	Saigon.
Dupetit-Thouars	French armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	—	Saigon.
Estoc	French gunboat	141	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserv.
Escurgeon	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Combet	Saigon.
Fronda	French destroyer	350	7	303	—	Saigon.
Heard Riviere	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Haiphong
Jacquin	French gunboat	200	6	308	—	Haiphong (Res
Lion	French gunboat	500	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserv
Lynx	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Morris	Saigon.
Manche	French surveying-ship	1025	10	9000	Comdr. Ragot de Toulche	Saigon.
Montcalm*	French cruiser	9700	12	13,000	Capt. Clouet	Saigon.
Montsieur	French destroyer	307	6	390	Lieut. de la Roche Keranderson	Saigon.
Ohr	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. de Mairdeville	Upper Yangtze
Pelée	French gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Puech	Tongku
Pistolet	French torpedo boat	130	7	300	Comdr. Martenot	Hongay
Protee	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Morris	Saigon.
Relatuable	French battleship (reserve)	9437	8	6071	Capt. Druet	Saigon.
Stry	French gunboat	1738	10	1700	Lieut. Seriot	Saigon.
Takiang	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Yangtze.
Takou	French destroyer	250	6	—	—	Saigon (Reserv
Vauban	French torpedo-depot	—	—	—	—	Hongay
Veteran	French torpedo-depot	—	—	—	Lieut. Bihel	Cap St. Jaspe
Vigilante	French gunboat	125	7	500	Lieut. Bissell	Hongkong
Emden	German cruiser	2000	22	13,500	Capt. Vollerthun	Tsingtau
Idis	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. Mersmann	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	12	1206	Capt. Mysing	Shanghai
Leipzig	German cruiser	3250	24	11,000	Capt. Schroeder	Singapore
Luchs	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Bendemann	Hongkong
Nürnberg	German cruiser	3400	22	13,200	Capt. Tugert	Ponape
Otter	German river gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Jantzen	Yangtze River
Scharnhorst	German flagship	11,600	23	26,000	Capt. Kraut	Singapore
S. 90	German torpedo-boat	400	8	6500	Capt. Lieut. Heyden	Shanghai
Taku	German torpedo-boat	260	4	6000	Lieut. Koble	Shanghai
Tiger	German gunboat	500	10	1350	Comdr. Luyke	Tsingtau
Tsingtau	German river gunboat	223	4	1300	Capt. Lieut. Graf Dehm-Schlöden	Canton River
Vaterland	German river gunboat	223	4	500	Capt. Lieut. Knutter	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	2145	—	—	Capt. Casanovi	Shanghai
Macao	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Dutta d'Oliveira	Macao
Patia	Portuguese gunboat	700	—	—	Captain Carvalho Brandao	Hongkong
Republica	Portuguese cruiser	—	—	—	Capt. Cunha Lima	—
Alder	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. M. Murray	Cavite
Albany	U. S. protected cruiser	3420	17	7900	Lieut. Clarence S. Williams	Cavite
Bainbridge	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign E. S. Root	Manila
Barry	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign Robt. W. Canby	Manila
Calico	U. S. gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign Stuart W. Cate	Hongkong
Chauncey	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign L. N. McNair	Manila
Chatanooga	U. S. protected cruiser	3100	10	4700	Comdr. John D. McDonald	Anmy
Cleveland	U. S. protected cruiser	3100	10	4700	Comdr. Hugh Rodman	Cavite
Dale	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign F. J. Fletcher	Cavite
Decatur	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Ensign C. S. Graves	Cavite
El Cano	U. S. gunboat	1307	18	1800	Lt. Comdr. William D. Brotherton	Cavite
Helen	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. R. O. Bittler	Yangtze Riv
Jairo	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. J. W. Schoenfeld	Cavite
Minoro	U. S. gunboat	170	5	—	Lieut. C. A. Woodruff	—
Meensin	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign E. D. Whorier	Cavite
Mohican	U. S. station ship	1900	—	5244	Ensign Robt. V. Lowe	Cavite
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4034	4	5200	Commander H. A. Bingham	Cavite
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	2420	20	—	Comdr. William G. Miller	Manila
New York I	U. S. protected cruiser	3150	25	17,075	Comdr. Joseph L. Jayne	Cavite
Paragua	U. S. gunboat	243	8	—	Lieut. George C. Pegrin	Cavite
Porpoise	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. C. Van de Carr	Cavite
Rainbow	U. S. cruiser	6206	14	—	Comdr. Charles M. Faba	Cavite
Samaz	U. S. gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign N. H. Goss	Yangtze Riv
Shark	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign Henry M. Jensen	Cavite
Villalobos	U. S. gunboat	370	9	500	Ensign B. C. Smith	Yangtze Riv
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1397	20	1894	Comdr. W. A. Edgar	Hongkong

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**BIRTH.**  
Myers.—On February 3, 1911, at the Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr and Mrs H. G. MYERS, a son.  
**MARRIAGE.**  
GONFRAY—OWEN SMYTH.—On January 20, 1911, before H.B.M. Consul-General, Shanghai, and afterwards at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Edward Walter Gonfray of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law, to Margaret Laidlaw Owen Smyth, daughter of Charles Edward Owen Smyth, Esquire, of the Government Service of South Australia.  
**DEATHS.**  
CARSON.—On February 2, 1911, at Shanghai, CAROLINA FRANCISCA CARLICO CARSON, aged 43.  
MYHRE.—On February 3, 1911, at the Nursing Home, Shanghai, JANET MARION, wife of H. G. MYHRE, Harbour Department, I. M. Customs, aged 29 years.  
**MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.**  
Empress Dowager of China's Birthday.  
General Memoranda.  
THURSDAY, February 9.—  
9 p.m.—Lecture at Union Church Literary Club.  
9.15 p.m.—Lady Lugard 'At Home,' Music.  
FRIDAY, February 10.—  
Laying of Foundation Stone at St Paul's College.  
11 a.m.—Auction of Unclaimed and Confiscated Property at Central Police Station.  
9 p.m.—Volunteer Dance.  
SATURDAY, February 11.—  
Empress of China's Birthday.  
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co.  
2 p.m.—Royal H.K. Yacht Club's Regatta.  
9 p.m.—Royal H.K. Yacht Club's Smoking Concert.  
MONDAY, February 13.—  
Empress of Japan's Accession Day (1867).  
Noon—Property Sale by Mr Geo. P. Lummett.  
TUESDAY, February 14.—  
Race Meeting.

**The China Mail.**  
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1911.  
**SUPPRESSING OPIUM SMOKING.**  
The Hongkong Government has given strong proof of the fact that it intends to enforce the spirit as well as the mere letter of the Imperial Government's prohibitive commands respecting the suppression of public smoking of opium in the Colony. The narrow-minded, short-sighted anti-opium fanatics at Home imagined that all was done when, in accordance with their desires, the Colony was ordered to close down its public divans. But we who are on the spot were quick to realise that this was only the beginning of the campaign. Knowing the wily ways of Oriental, we readily foresaw that wiles and means of evading the restrictive fiat would soon suggest themselves to the vendor and the consumer of the drug. Looking back over the year that has passed since the last batch of divans was suppressed, we recall how at first the police were called upon to exercise the greatest vigilance in ferreting out illicit dens. Some of these places, we believe, were revived on the old premises by the self-same people who had received compensation at the hands of the Government. The alertness of the police in making these frequent raids at last made it utterly impossible for the places to exist without hourly fears of molestation, and in consequence new methods had to be resorted to by

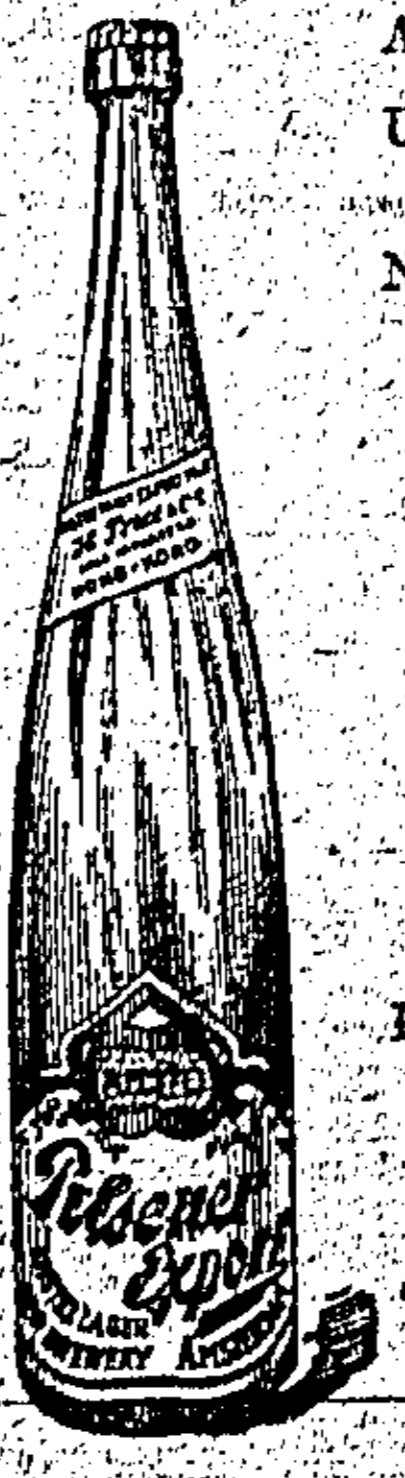
those whose interest it was to encourage the continuance of the habit. Our readers will remember that the plain hit upon was "one" by which Chinese restaurant keepers held out the inducement of "free" smokes to patrons on payment of a slightly enhanced tariff for tea and comestibles. In this way it was sought to circumvent the Ordinance which defined an opium divan as a place in which "a fee or its equivalent" was charged to smokers of the narcotic. A test case to deal with the new aspect of the problem was taken before Mr E. R. HALLIFAX at the Magistracy, but it was held that the "practice" did not come within the scope of the phrase concerning the charging of "a fee or its equivalent."  
So far as those on the outside are aware, the orders of the Home Government would have been quite fulfilled if the matter had even been allowed to rest here, but without, we believe, any further commands from Downing Street, the Hongkong Government has followed up the question by taking very definite action in dealing with the latest phase of the problem. The notice revealing the Government's intention was brief but significant. It was summed up in an amendment to the conditions of eating-house licences and reads, "No opium smoking shall be permitted on the premises." At the time of the springing into notice of these hybrid establishments we suggested as a means of dealing with the difficulties, that the conditions be amended by making it unlawful for more than a given number of persons to assemble for the public enjoyment of the soothing pipe. We were then under the impression that such action might come into conflict with the spirit of the Opium Farmer's agreement, but apparently it does not, for a much more drastic and more effective plan has now been resolved upon.  
Although the latest resolve of the Government is an earnest of their desire and intention to grapple with each difficulty as it arises, it must not be assumed that we have yet finished with the problem. Nor must it be imagined that the habit has been extinguished save so far as private smoking is concerned. We think we are right in stating that absolutely nothing in the Ordinance or regulation prohibits the Chinese from purchasing their own little quantities of opium and clubbing together to rent premises and procure the needed paraphernalia for the satisfying of their cravings. Of course, here again further action could be taken by Government as deemed advisable; but we speak of things merely as they are. The fear is that in the attempts which are being made to wipe out the opium smoking habit little notice is being taken by the Home authorities of the possible encouragement, as a result, of infinitely more harmful indulgences. Since the divans were closed down the habit of eating opium has largely increased in the Colony, while the drinking of cheap opium wines has also rapidly spread among the lower classes of the populace. The consumption of inferior Western liquors has, too, advanced; so we are yet only on the very fringe of the question. One day, perhaps, the people at Home will realise the grave error they made in extinguishing divans which, whatever else may be said of them, were at any rate conducted above-board and were always open to Government supervision and inspection. Until that time comes we can only console ourselves with the fact that Hongkong is loyally discharging unpleasant orders though it knows that the policy being pursued is an utterly mistaken and short-sighted one.  
Joll has been swept by an incendiary fire which destroyed two hundred houses. The loss is estimated at 70,000, but many Americans lost everything.  
That snail may play a part in the dissemination of typhoid fever, by taking the germs into their digestive organs and then depositing them on the vegetables on which they feed, is believed by Dr. Baraschi, an Italian physician.  
**TOUCHES THE SPOT.**  
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**NEWS OF THE DAY.**  
Early to-morrow morning the two Chinese sentenced to death in the New Territory and Kowloon murders will be hanged at Victoria Gaol.  
Messrs. Mellers and Co. informs us that they have received a wireless message saying the s.s. Yurek may be expected to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.  
The cargo of silk shipped on board the M. M. s.s. Villa de la Ciotat, which left this port on the 3rd January, was delivered in Lyons on the 6th instant.  
The whist drive which was to have taken place in the Staff Mess, but which was postponed on account of the death of the late Sergt. Trotman, R.E., will take place this evening at 8 p.m.  
A young Chinaman aged 21 years committed suicide at 30, Wing On Street yesterday by hanging himself to a beam in the kitchen. He was believed to be in financial troubles.  
Owing to the E. and A. steamer Eastern having gone ashore at Morton Bay, Queensland, on Jan. 26th, whilst in charge of a pilot, her place on the regular monthly service will be taken by the Aldenham.  
**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.**  
Rear Admiral Sperry, U.S.N., who commanded the battleship fleet at Manila in 1907, is dead, from pneumonia.  
Another delightful "at home" was given by Lady Lugard at Government House on Monday evening. The band of S. M. S. Schornhorst supplied a charming programme of music.  
The friends of Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., will be pleased to hear that a telegram has been received in Hongkong to the effect that on reaching Singapore the condition of his health had much improved.  
It is expected that Mr Martin Egan, editor of the Manila Times and a brilliant journalist who won his spurs for the Associated Press during the Russo-Japan War, will shortly be appointed Secretary to President Taft.  
It is interesting to learn that Major A. J. Woodroffe, M.C., and Capt. H. Toppin, 5th Fusiliers, along with Lieut. M. R. O'Nanion, R.A., and Lieut. C. G. Moore, have been lent to Peru for three years to demarcate the frontier between Peru and Bolivia. They left London for Lima on Jan. 4th. Major Woodroffe was for a time Captain of the Singapore Cricket Club.  
The election expenses of Mr Chamberlain, Mr Jesso Collins, and Mr Middlemore, who were returned unopposed in Birmingham, amounted to £74, £32 and £30 respectively. Lord Morpeth's expenses in South Birmingham, where he was opposed, were £701. In Central Birmingham, Mr E. Parkes's expenditure amounted to £472, and that of his unsuccessful opponent, Mr Manton, to £561.  
**EUROPEAN LADY ROBBED.**  
At about five o'clock yesterday afternoon Miss Skipton, Head Mistress of the Diocesan Girls' School, was walking along Bonhom Road when a Chinaman came up behind her and snatched from her a handbag which she was carrying and which contained \$38 in money and a number of other articles, the total value being over \$50. So determined was the robbery that both straps of the bag were broken in the pull. The thief then bolted down the embankment but was seen by an amah, who attempted to stop him. The man knocked the amah down and continued to run, and on reaching the bottom of Eastern Street he dropped the bag. All this while the amah was following up the thief, shouting "Snatched things." She picked up the bag and continued the chase. A Chinese constable happened to be near at hand and seeing the amah chasing the man he arrested the latter and brought him to the Police Station.  
He was charged at the Magistracy to-day and Mr E. R. Hallifax sentenced him to two years' imprisonment and ordered that he be exposed in the stocks for six hours and be given twelve strokes with the birch.  
**THE OPIUM PROBLEM.**  
Police Prosecution Fails.  
Recently the Government decided to amend the conditions attaching to licensed eating houses by making it an offence to permit the smoking of opium therein, and to-day the first case since the amendment of the conditions came on at the Magistracy before Mr E. R. Hallifax. The defendants were the masters of restaurants at 55, Declaration Street, Yau-mat, and at 154, Temple Street, Yau-mat. Detective Sergt. Appleton prosecuted and Mr F. X. D'Almeida defended.  
Mr D'Almeida stated the defendant had received no official notification of the amendment of the conditions of the licence, only receiving verbal intimation from the sergeant. On the Hongkong side the licensee had not received any intimation up to the present moment.  
Detective Sergt. Appleton stated that he had warned the defendant several times and they persisted in defiance of the police.  
His Worship said that as the Hongkong licensees had not been notified he should merely bind the defendants to come up for judgment if called upon, such is a personal bond of \$50.  
**DO YOU WANT RELIEF?**  
ARE you frequently harassed? Do you think of anything but your throat? Do you cough annoy you at night and do you raise mucus in the morning? Do you want relief? If so, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you will be pleased. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.  
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**THE DISASTER NEAR MANILA.**  
The news concerning the volcanic eruption which occurred last week near Manila grows worse with each incoming mail. The following telegrams are taken from the Cables and Telegrams.  
Manila, February 2.  
Coronel Guaymas, of the Constabulary, has just returned from Buguan, reporting 413 dead between the barrios of Bayuyung-an and Buguan. All houses were burned down.  
It is reported that 18 died in the barrios of Talisay.  
Six hundred are reported dead on Vulcan Island, making a total of 1,032 lives lost as the result of the Taal eruption.  
Fourteen wounded have been taken to Menes Nance, Cavite, for treatment.  
Colonel F. D. Hodgson, chief quartermaster of the Philippines division, received the following telegram from Captain W. C. Metcalf at 5.30 p.m. yesterday from San Nicolas via Taal, February 3.  
"Just returned from Sabig. No dead there. Bilibidang totally destroyed. Found 67 dead and evidences of many more. Conditions are horrible.  
"Many more are dead in the vicinity of Cape Manila.  
"We were within two miles of the Volcano, which is still agitated, and looks bad today.  
"There remains about ten miles more of coast line to inspect. We need transportation on the lake and more men."  
San Nicolas via Taal, February 3.  
**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, MANILA.**  
With Metcalf and Shapiro searched barrios west shore of lake to-day for dead and wounded. First left burial corps at site of Manalo, barrio of Bilibidang to bury dead reported yesterday, then proceed to Bilibidang proper.  
In Bilibidang all inhabitants numbering about one hundred killed. Twenty-five bodies found protruding from ashes. All others probably covered by eighteen inches of ash. Burial corps by hand work cleaned up site Manalo to-day. Thirty-eight corpses buried, all identified but two. Ten children still missing but no traces. Many animals also interred. Conditions improving, sick are nearly all in. Some still in the vicinity of Bayuyung-an but being cared for and will be brought in to-morrow.  
In this barrio tidal wave washed back about fifteen hundred feet and in receding carried houses and people away in lake. Not a trace found. People were probably killed by gas fumes. An intelligent native who lived in that barrio but was absent on Sunday night reported that two hundred and fifty people lived in the barrio. In Banyang a tidal wave swept back twenty-five hundred feet. Twenty-six dead found in ravine back of barrio and two in estero in centre barrio. Many dead animals. All others swept away. Lost about three hundred. Many dead fish found on shore. Several animals found floating in lake but no human beings as yet. Ravines back of a barrio should be searched by Constabulary.  
Muni.  
**THE PLAGUE IN THE NORTH.**  
According to the Chinese vernacular papers the very north of Manchuria is suffering quite as much as the more southern parts. In the town of Tai-tai-lah which is a big place and surrounded by a fertile plain of considerable size, the plague is said to be very bad indeed. People are reported to be dying in ordinary Chinese lanes in large numbers, and no one seems to know quite what to do and how to prevent the scourge from spreading. Some of the native doctors who have gone up to attempt to stay its progress have themselves contracted the disease and died and there is great difficulty in getting medical men to go into the district. The officials and others who are responsible throughout Manchuria have sent to Shanghai for assistance, and appealed to several medical and other institutions for aid in fighting the disease. These appeals have been published in several papers in Shanghai but the response does not appear to have been very satisfactory. It is stated that a doctor named Ng Lin Tak, who studied medicine in England, and was well qualified in his profession, went in response to these appeals, contracted the disease and succumbed. This seems curious, and so the doctors available, to grapple with the scourge are by no means as many as are needed. It is said, moreover, that the medicines in the shops throughout Manchuria are all sold out, and appeals have been sent to Shanghai for drugs of various kinds to be forwarded post haste to the centre of the trouble.  
Among Europeans, Dr Messy and Dr Jackson have both sacrificed their lives in an attempt to combat the epidemic, and great is the sorrow occasioned thereby.  
The Boston message which we print in another column reports a most serious case of things right up to the Siberian frontier and it would seem that far from being checked the plague is even worse than it was a fortnight ago.  
It is reported by the Times of Malaya that Dr Lim Boon Keng has been ordered by the Chinese Government to return to Peking immediately, to direct measures there to cope with the plague outbreak.  
Many doctors in Manchuria assert that infected rats have not been found, but Dr. Kitazato of Tokyo declares that the plague in Manchuria is similar to the Black Death in Europe in the fourteenth century, which caused the death of millions in a few months.  
One Japanese quarantine doctor and his wife died at Hamintum.

**PARLIAMENT OPENED.**  
**THE KING'S SPEECH.**  
**FOREIGN AFFAIRS: LORDS REFORM: SOCIAL LEGISLATION.**  
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, February 7.  
Parliament was opened in state yesterday by His Majesty the King, who was accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Mary.  
The King's Speech opened with a reference to the lamented death of the late King Edward, and expressed gratification at the Duke of Connaught's mission to South Africa.  
**NEW JAPANESE TREATY.**  
The Speech proceeded to state that the relations with other Powers continue friendly, and the Japanese Government had intimated its intention to terminate the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation of 1894. Negotiations were proceeding for the conclusion of a new Treaty, which it was hoped would be satisfactory in character.  
**THE PERSIAN SITUATION.**  
Referring to the position in South Persia, His Majesty said that some improvement had lately been shown in the condition of the trade routes, and added, "My Ministers propose to await further developments before pressing the adoption of their proposals, which in any case, will have no other object than to see the authority of the Persian Government restored and trade protected."  
**CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.**  
After references to the Imperial Conference and the projected Royal visit to India, His Majesty said proposals would be submitted for the purpose of settling the relations of the two Houses of Parliament, with the object of securing a more effective working Constitution.  
**SOCIAL LEGISLATION.**  
Measures would also be presented for the removal of the pauper disqualification in the case of recipients of Old Age Pensions, for providing for the industrial population against sickness and invalidity and for insurance against unemployment in trades specially liable thereto.  
**THE YUNNAN AFFAIR.**  
PEKING, February 6.  
(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
The Wai-wu-pu has wired to the Viceroy of Yunnan instructing him to try his best to calm public opinion on the matter of the reported encroachment into the province by British troops.  
**CURBING THE ENTHUSIASTS.**  
(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
PEKING, February 6.  
The Prince Regent has been considering the draft Parliamentary regulations and has come to the conclusion that the powers proposed to be conferred on members are too liberal, and has accordingly ordered that they be restricted.  
**CHINESE IMPERIAL PRECAUTIONS.**  
(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
PEKING, February 6.  
The Empress Dowager has ordered that both Chinese and European doctors shall be engaged to prevent the plague from infecting the residents in the Imperial Palace.  
There was again a large attendance at the weekly concert held under the auspices of the Seamen's Institute, on Monday night, which was arranged by Mr and Mrs Watt. All the items were heartily appreciated and the artists included Mr and Mrs E. Watts, Mrs Ough, Mrs S. E. Schofield, Mrs Barrington, Mr P. S. Jacobs, Mrs Perkins, and others besides a gleo party.

**THE BLACK DEATH.**  
**APPALLING NEWS FROM THE NORTH.**  
**THOUSANDS OF CORPSES AWAITING CREMATION.**  
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, February 6.  
A message from St. Petersburg states that the cases of plague at Kwang-changhsie in Manchuria number a hundred daily.  
Four thousand corpses are still awaiting cremation at Fudzianin, and the situation in other towns is equally terrible.  
Mountains of corpses are heaped up on the ice at Hulan in order that when the ice breaks up the river may carry them off into the sea.  
**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**  
The Ninety-First report of the Court of Directors to the Ordinary Half-Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 25th February, 1911, at noon reads:  
To the Proprietors of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
Gentlemen,—The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Bank, and Balance Sheet for the half-year ending 31st December, 1910.  
The net profits for that period, including \$2,029,390.83, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to \$5,249,608.46.  
The Directors recommended the transfer of \$250,000 from the Profit and Loss Account to credit of the Silver Reserve Fund, which Fund will then stand at \$16,250,000.  
After making this Transfer and deducting Remuneration to Directors there remains for appropriation \$4,999,608.46, out of which the Directors recommend the payment of a Dividend of Two Pounds Sterling per Share, viz. \$240,000 and a Bonus of Five Shillings Sterling per Share, viz. \$250,000 amounting in all to \$270,000 which at 1/10 the rate of the day, will absorb \$2,245,454.55.  
The Balance \$2,029,151 to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account.  
Sterling reserve fund.—The holding of £1,000,000 24 per cent Consols has been written down to 79. This was effected by the purchase at about par of £15,000 other Sterling Securities, making our holding under this heading £340,000 written down to £225,000. The cost of this adjustment was met out of the earnings of the half-year.  
Directors.—The Honorable Mr Henry Keswick has been elected Chairman for the year 1911, and Mr G. H. Modhurst Deputy Chairman.  
Mr J. W. Bannock and Mr E. Shellin having resigned their seats, Mr G. F. Finesland and Mr W. Logan have been invited to fill the vacancies; these appointments require confirmation at the Meeting.  
Mr H. A. Siebs, Mr R. Shewas and Mr G. Ballouch retire in rotation, but being eligible for re-election, offer themselves accordingly.  
Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr W. Hutton Potts and Mr J. W. O. Bonnar, who offer themselves for re-election.  
—The Yokohama Office of the O.P.E. is in receipt of a wireless message from the "Empress of Japan," sent at 5.30 p.m. Monday, when the vessel was 1400 miles distant from Japan, advising "all well" and that the Commander expects to reach Yokohama at 7.00 a.m. on Saturday, the 11th instant.  
**DIPHTHERIA—HOW IT MAY BE AVOIDED.**  
DIPHTHERIA is usually contracted when the child has a cold. The cold prepares the child's system for the reception and development of the diphtheria germs. When there are cases of diphtheria in the neighborhood children that have colds should be kept at home and of the colds should be recovered. Give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and they will not have to remain at home long. It also cleans out the culture beds, which form in a child's throat when it has a cold, and minimize the risk of contracting infectious diseases. For sales by all Chemists and Storekeepers.  
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## THE MILITARY GIRDER THEFTS.

## To-day's Proceedings.

There was a sequel to the case, at the Magistrate's Court, in which R. Passos, military storekeeper at the R. E. Department, was charged with stealing eight steel girders of the total value of £40, the property of the War Department, when a Chinaman named Yau Yui was placed in the dock on a charge of receiving the goods knowing them to have been stolen. This case came before Mr. E. R. Halliday, Chief Magistrate, and Mr. R. Passos, Chief Detective Inspector, appeared to prosecute, and Mr. R. Passos defended, and Mr. J. H. Gardiner watched the case on behalf of Passos.

Mr. Passos stated that the case arose out of the proceedings which were taken against the man Passos, who had pleaded guilty to the theft but who would go in the box and tell the Court what he did with the girders and give evidence against the present defendant.

Passos, on oath, stated that sometime in November last he asked a Chinaman named How Hung, belonging to the Sing Lee, if he wanted to buy eight steel girders which were at the R.E. store and which had recently been sent out from England. This man said he did not want them but he would find a friend who might buy them.

The next day he brought a friend named Ah Fui. He was shown the girders and later he brought the defendant along with him. They both looked at the girders and Ah Fui offered witness 15 cash a pound for them. This price was agreed upon and witness paid accordingly. The girders were moved, six on the next day and the remainder two days later. Coolies were sent to take them away and neither of the men appeared in person. The girders were taken from the R. E. store.

His Worship—Was there anything in what you said or did to let these people know that the girders were stolen girders?—No. Nothing?—No.

The whole of the interview you had with these two men and the removing of the girders was done in the ordinary working hours of the day?—Yes.

Where you paid for the girders?—Yes.

How much?—£208.

Who paid you?—Both of them were present.

But who actually paid you?—The other man, Ah Fui.

Where were you paid?—At the Sang Lee shop.

When?—The same day the last girders were moved.

Were they new girders?—Yes.

What was the value of them?—About £45.

Is it part of your regular business to sell things from the store?—No, sir.

As far as I can gather from what you say the defendant took no active part in any of the proceedings. The other man took the active part and he was standing by?—Both were there.

But who took the active part? Did this man take any active part in the driving of the bargains and the arranging for the coolies?—He went down and measured the girders, took the dimensions and so on.

Did he take any part in arranging the price?—They both fixed the price.

You were paid £208, who paid you actually?—The other one, Ah Fui.

What active part did the defendant take?—Standing up and looking on.

No further active part of any kind?—No. Did he give any receipt?—No.

Mr. Harrison said the witness had told him that altogether he disposed of eleven girders and got the sum of \$277.37. He repurchased two short ones and put them back and the police found the third one, and the other five were found at Kennedy Town. So all the property had been recovered.

His Worship—You say you repurchased some of the girders?

Witness—Yes.

Who from?—Ah Fui.

How many did you repurchase?—Five.

Keep strictly to these eight, how many of these did you repurchase?—Of these eight I bought three from Ah Fui on January 20th.

Alone?—Yes.

Had this defendant anything to do with it?—No.

What did you pay?—25 cash a pound.

How much did that work out to?—\$148 for the three.

Mr. Harrison—Did this defendant have any direct dealings with you about these girders?—No.

His Worship—What did you think defendant's position was there?—I don't know, I can't tell you.

What did you imagine he was there for?—I took them for two partners.

Evidence was given by Choi Pun, dealer in copper and iron, who stated that he bought six girders from the defendant. He came and offered them alone. There was a discussion about the price and ultimately the agreed price was \$2.65 per piece.

His Worship—Did he believe as a matter who had a right to take the price?—He said he had bought the girders.

Witness further stated that the total sum, he paid was \$228.71 for the six girders. Later witness bought two more at \$38.70 each. On January 28th Tam Lin bought from witness three of these girders for \$147.30.

His Worship—Had these girders any Government mark upon them at all?—I don't know.

You didn't examine them?—No.

His Worship—I suppose the police can tell us if there are any marks?—

Mr. Harrison—They had none, your Worship.

His Worship—(to witness)—Do you know if Tam Lin is Ah Fui?

Witness—I don't know.

Do you know if that is his nickname?

Well, it is only natural if a man is fat to call him "Fatty"—(Laughter).

Mr. Harrison submitted that there was no evidence that the defendant ever received the stuff or knew that it was stolen. This man was an innocent broker against whom there was not the slightest evidence and who had been imprisoned by the police on this charge. He never had a single direct dealing with the man who sold the girders and there was no reason why he should have thought them to have been stolen.

After the fifth adjournment his Worship discharged the Chinese defendant.

The case against Passos was then resumed.

Mr. Gardiner asked that prisoner Passos be discharged in view of the assistance he had given to the police in the recovery of the girders.

In sentencing prisoner to three months' imprisonment his Worship said:—

I have considered all these points put forward to reduce the sentence; I think the offence cannot be overlooked entirely.

BEAUTIES AND DELIGHTS OF QUEENSLAND.

Discoursed at the Y.M.C.A. by Mr. P. Currie.

A most interesting lecture on Queensland was delivered at the Y.M.C.A. on Monday night under the auspices of the Literary and Debating Society before a very large attendance. The chair was occupied by Mr. G. G. Burnett and the lantern slides were kindly lent by the Queensland Tourist Bureau.

The lecturer said that it was probable that the first Europeans to set foot in Australia were Portuguese, as it was quite natural, the trade of the Indian ocean at the time being in their hands, that some of their sailors should have touched the northern shores in their search for new trading stations or that they should have been driven to the Australian coast by stress of weather. However as far as records showed the Columbus of Australia was Ferdinand de Quirós, a Portuguese navigator in the service of Philip of Spain. Tracing the early history of the lecturer continued that the first man to give the world a carefully worked out sketch of any part of the Australian coast was an Englishman named William Dampier. However, nothing was done for some years to form a settlement until that famous navigator Captain James Cook visited the eastern coast upon which he reported most favourably. The British government then decided to form a convict settlement there and sent out Captain Arthur Phillips as first governor. The voyage occupied eight months and the first settlement was at Botany Bay in 1788 but as this proved unsuitable a change was made to Port Jackson where Sydney now stands. The first progress was slow but as new districts were opened up conditions improved while the discovery of gold in 1851 attracted men from all parts of the world. Transportation ceased entirely in 1855 while 1861 was memorable for in that year federation was accomplished; the six colonies being united under the name of the Commonwealth of Australia. Federation was working most successfully and had done much to foster a spirit of nationalism among the people while Australia was the first to enforce compulsory military training. Continuing the lecturer said that the climate varied according to the latitude. It was best in the north and central districts and in the south it was warm. The heat in summer was not so trying as the heat in Hongkong while the winter months were delightful. Tropical and sub-tropical plants all thrived. Up to 1910 there were 3,653 miles of government railways and only 298 miles of private railways and just paid over £9,000,000 for railway construction. Queensland had room for millions of people as there were 870,000 square miles and the population was slightly over half a million. Desirable emigrants had nothing to fear while the language test was only a safeguard.

The state looked after individual emigrants and endeavoured to settle them in some occupation and there were great facilities for taking up land. Education was free, secular and compulsory and the educational system had been recently crowned by the establishment of a university. The educational needs of children in the sparsely populated districts were looked after by itinerant teachers. The value of exported wool in 1909 was over four million pounds sterling. Wool-growing was reduced to a science and experts were well paid. The lecturer then dealt very exhaustively with the various industries and with the explanation of the several beautiful slides. Queensland is certainly only in its infancy and what is most wanted are people to develop it into a gigantic part of the British empire. Parliament consists of the Assembly and the Legislature, the former consisting of seventy-two members elected for three years and who are paid at the rate of £300 each per annum. The Legislative Council is composed of forty unpaid members nominated by the Governor in Council who hold their positions for life. To the end of 1909 gold to the value of £70,225,250 was produced.

The lecturer was both instructive and enjoyable and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Currie for the able manner in which he had dealt with his subject.

## SPORTING.

## Cricket.

Kowloon "A" v. R.A.M.C.

The R.A.M.C. cricket eleven were entertained at King's Park on Saturday afternoon by Kowloon and the game resulted in a draw. The scores were:—

R.A.M.C.

Col. Sir J. Fayer, b Brown... 31

Capt. Waring, b Watling... 46

Major Penny, lbw, b Blackburn... 47

Q.M.S. Davies, not out... 49

Sgt. Warwick, b Moore... 43

Q. M. Elder, b Goldsmith... 21

Pte. Riley, not out... 38

Pte. Stummer, Sgt. Wills, Pte. Clarke, and Sgt. Price did not bat

Extras... 4

Total for 5 wickets... 104

BOWLING ANALYSES.

O. M. R. W.

Goldsmith... 12 1 4 1

Curwen... 11 0 20 0

Drum... 10 2 40 1

Blackburn... 5 1 18 1

Major Watling... 2 0 6 1

Spargo... 2 0 17 0

Moore... 2 9 4 1

Mackenzie... 3 0 9 0

Kowloon "A"

H. E. Goldsmith, b Davies... 4

Major Kike, b Davies... 2

Wm. Curwen, b Davies... 0

L. J. Blackburn, c Davies, b Fayer... 19

G. MacEwan, b Davies... 0

Major Watling, b Wills... 17

D. J. Mackenzie, b Warwick... 61

N. L. Railton, not out... 18

C. Brown, not out... 2

G. Moore and H. West did not bat

Extras... 4

Total for 7 wickets... 127

## Billiards.

GRAND HOTEL HALL.

Another fine game in this tournament took place on Monday night at the Grand Hotel when Mr. Cooper, over 80, met Mr. G. Taylor, started in the second round.

Cooper scored off in good form and almost caught Taylor before he had made 20.

Cooper then made some fine breaks of 20, 18, 17, 15, 10, before Taylor got away.

The latter, however, rose to the occasion and with successive breaks of 18, 17 and 10 obtained a good lead. "Play was steady on both sides until 200 was reached when Cooper forged ahead and with a beautiful break of 29 passed his opponent and ran out a winner by 46 points.

To-night Mr. Railton meets Mr. S. Bell and to-morrow night Mr. McLennan meets Mr. Irving. The third round commences on Thursday night when Mr. Pile meets Mr. Keidard.

SOLDIERS' CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Further progress was made in the Soldiers' Club tournament last evening between the Sergeants Mess, K.O.Y.L.I. and 88th Company, R.G.A. The Artillerymen commenced the evening's play 28 points to the lead, but winning both their games turned this into a lead of 68 points—Scores to date:—

K.O.Y.L.I. 88 Co. R.G.A.

Sgt. Doper... 183 Sgt. Parker... 250

Sgt. Lamper... 243 Gr. Snow... 250

Sgt. Watkinson... 250 Gr. Golding... 195

Sgt. Jackson... 249 Br. Vargis... 305

G. S. Saunders... 240 Cpt. Gammeter... 250

Sgt. Munro... 164 Sgt. Harvey... 250

Total... 1,332 Total... 1,400

Play will be continued to-night.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

The 7th Club Race for each class was sailed on the 4th instant in a fresh easterly breeze.

The course for the handicap class was Channel Rocks (port) Cust Buoy (port) Channel Rocks (Starboard) Cust Buoy (port) Meyers East Buoy (port) 3 miles.

The following were the competitors:—

Dione, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher.

Iris, Commodore Eyres, R. N.

Erica, Mr. A. Denison.

Ada, Col. Chapman.

Kathleen, Officers, R. E.

Colleen, Hon. H. E. Pollock.

Min, Messrs Irving and Alabaster.

Ayesha, Capt. Loring, R.G.A.

Iris, Colleen and Ayesha were the first boats to cross the line. Dione and Kathleen got a bad start, the former, however, soon picked up and got into second place and when rounding the Cust Rock Buoy the first time, she collared Iris and took the lead and kept it during the remainder of the race. Kathleen was well sailed and easily saved her time, thereby winning.

The times were as follows:—

ACTUAL CORRECTED MARKS TO

TIME. TIME. DATE.

Dione... 4.0. 0. 4. 0. 43.

Iris... 4.1. 30. 4. 0. 50.

Erica... 4.3. 9. 4. 0. 53.

Kathleen... 4.2. 23. 3. 58. 03.

Colleen... 4.4. 1. 3. 58. 41.

Ada... 4.5. 14. 4. 0. 32.

Ayesha... 4.6. 24. 3. 59. 44.

Min... 4.10. 11. 4. 4. 51.

ONE-DECK CLASS.

The 5th boats sailed over the following course: Mark Boat in Quarry Bay (p) Channel Rocks (p) Cust Rocks Buoy (p) Channel Rocks (s).

Much to the surprise of the steersmen, who all thought their boats were on the right side of the line when the starting gun fired, they were all re-called. Halcyon swung back over the line at once and then sailed on in company with Daphne, who had not returned, but there was so much uncertainty on the part of the other 3 boats as to whether they were right or not that they remained standing on the line. Daphne and Halcyon, seeing that the race was already spoilt, decided to return and join in a fresh start. On this occasion Halcyon, Alannah and Daphne were unfortunate in losing the wind just as the gun fired, with the result that Alannah and Bonito at the outer end of the line got away with a considerable lead. The first mark was made after a long and short leg, during which Halcyon came up to and passed Bonito, and she nearly caught Alannah at the mark boat, after which she was seen to be making a dash for the Channel Rocks booms were gybed for the run to Cust Rocks, and Bonito having come up on the leaders in a strong puff the 3 boats ran down in close company, rounding the buoy with bare daylight separating them, Alannah still being first and Halcyon second. All 3 stood out into the middle of the harbour, Alannah coming about first, then Halcyon and lastly Bonito; of the 3 Halcyon just fetched Channel Rocks in one leg, whilst Alannah had to make a short tack and Bonito found she had oversteered: as a result Halcyon rounded with a lead of over a minute, Bonito still being third. There was no change in the order on the run home but the stern boats closed up, the finishing times being as follows:

hrs. m. s. Marks to date.

Halcyon... 4 24 0 41

Alannah... 4 24 45 21

Bonito II... 4 25 0 19

Alannah II... 4 27 45 13

Daphne... 4 28 50 8

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HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1910, for presentation to shareholders at the ordinary annual general meeting of the company, to be held at the Hongkong Hotel at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 11th February, says:—Gentlemen, the Directors now beg to submit to you their Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1910.

The Net Profits for that period, including \$5,471.00 brought forward from last account, amount to \$75,704.19. From this it is proposed to pay a dividend of four and a half per cent on the capital, after providing for which and paying Directors' and General Managers' remuneration and Auditors' Fees, there remains a balance of \$1,181.65 to be carried to a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—In accordance with rule No. 76 of the Company's Articles of Association all the Directors retire. Messrs J. Scott, Harston, J. W. Bonner, G. Balloch and Dr. J. W. Noble offer themselves for re-election. Owing to ill-health Mr. Ho Tung does not seek re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs W. H. Potts and H. Percy Smith, F.O.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

CHINA REWARDS BRAVERY.

An interesting ceremony took place on Monday on board the Customs Hook, Maple Leaf, at Taishan when Mr. A. H. Harris, Commissioner of Customs, proceeded on board to present to certain members of the foreign and native staff the honours conferred upon them by the Viceroy of Canton in recognition of the gallant rescue work in the typhoon in August last.

As will be remembered, four fishing junks were captured and the lives of all on board were in the gravest danger, when the staff from the bulk with danger for their own lives went out in boats and succeeded in rescuing nearly all the crews. Some, however, had to be taken to the bulk as they were nearly dead and only after having worked at life restoring for over two hours did the rescuers succeed in bringing them back to life.

Mr. Harris in a speech specially emphasized that this part of the work was praiseworthy as it demanded a lot of hard work and patience.

The Officer in charge of the bulk, Mr. de Bodroir, whose name has been mentioned in the local papers several times in connection with lifesaving in different typhoons, has had the order of the Double Dragon, 4th Division, conferred upon him. The following European Officers received Certificates of Merit and 5th Button:—Messrs Nergard, Cowburn, Watson and Sankofski.

Those of the Chinese staff who assisted in the noble work had a present of money given to them.

AT THE MAGISTRACY.

The master of the steam launch Keng-shan was fined \$50 for refusing to stop when called upon by the police to do so. It was suspected that he was carrying an excess of passengers at the time.

A coolie yesterday went into the Hongkong Club and stole a bicycle belonging to Major Penny. He was seen by the Indian watchman and chased into Des Voeux Road, where he was arrested. It was subsequently found that he had been dismissed from the Club some few days previously. Sentence of two days' imprisonment and ten strokes was passed.

For being a rogue and vagabond a native was sent to goal for two weeks. He was arrested when coming out of the water, and a number of sugar bags were found on the wharf near by. It was alleged that he had stolen the bags and jumped into the harbour to avoid arrest. His explanation of being in the water, however, was that he had been in a sampan and the war had broken and he had fallen into the water: no one attempting to rescue him.

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These magnificent steamers are most up-to-date and luxurious in every way. Excellent Cuisine and Accommodation.

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For further particulars as to Passage and Freight apply to

K. MATSUDA, Local Manager,

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Hongkong, January 27, 1911.

## THE EASTERN &amp; AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO. LIMITED.

MAIL SERVICE  
TO AUSTRALIA.

## MAIL SCHEDULE

(Subject to Modification)

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
EMPIRE.....	Feb. 10	Feb. 8th, at noon
ST. ALBANS.....	Feb. 10	March 4th, at noon

The above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity. All State-Rooms have Electric Fans. A duly qualified Porter and Stewardess are carried. For further particulars, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; CO.

Agents

Hongkong, November 2, 1908.

## HONGKONG-NEW YORK.

## AMERICAN AND MANCHURIAN LINE

FOR NEW YORK via PORTS &amp; SUEZ CANAL

(With Liberty to Call at the MALABAR COAST.)

S. S. KATUNA.....on or about 14th February, 1911.

For Freight and further information apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; CO.

Agents

AMERICAN &amp; MANCHURIAN LINE.

Hongkong, January 4, 1911.

## Notices to Consignees

## FROM EUROPE

## THE S.S. SAMBIA

Captain, R.N.R., having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Undercargo.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given to-day.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 11th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

This steamer brings on cargo:

Ex s.s. Ryft from Havre.

Ex s.s. Brinks from Skien.

Ex s.s. Kong Seng from Onitani.

Ex s.s. Guadalupe from Sotabul.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, February 6, 1911.

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## PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## FROM SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN PORTS &amp; SHANGHAI

## CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship MONGOLIA

The above-mentioned steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered TUESDAY, 7th February, 1911, at 5 p.m., will be landed at owner's risk and delivery must then be taken from Company's Godown.

Cargo remaining undelivered on MONDAY, February 13th, 1911, afternoon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godown on SATURDAY, February 11th, 1911, at 10 a.m.

All claims must be filed on or before March 6th, 1911, otherwise they will not be recognized.

FRED J. HALTON,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 6, 1911.

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## BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## STEAMSHIP BENLAWERS.

## FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

## CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undercargo on or before the 11th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1911.

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## NOTICE.

MR. LI HONGYAN, a Chinese graduate of the University of London, has been a teacher to European officials and merchants in this Colony for over ten years.

He has a good method of training Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher.

He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin.

Those who intend learning the Chinese language are requested to write care of China Mail office or direct to 37, Hollywood Road, 2nd floor.

Hongkong, December 24, 1910.

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## SOLE AGENTS,

W. G. HUMPHREYS &amp; CO.,

RAINE BUILDINGS.

Hongkong, May 18, 1908.

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## THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VANCOUVER & SEATTLE,  
via SHANGHAI and JAPAN PORTS.

STEAMER	Tons	Captain	ON OR ABOUT
KUMERIC.....	6252	G. B. McGILL	15th February.
LUCERIC.....	6500	J. MATHIE	9th March.

To be followed by other steamers of the Company at regular intervals.

The Steamers of the BANK LINE, LTD., carry cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the United States of America and Canada, and also for the chief ports in Mexico, Central and South America. Will call at AMOY and KEELUNG if sufficient inducement offers.

The Steamers of the Line are of the most modern type, have excellent accommodation for steerage passengers and a limited accommodation for Cabin passengers; they are fitted throughout with Electric Light, the "Luceric" and "Oteric" also having Wireless Telegraphy. Special Arrangements have been made for Express Parcels to American and Canadian Ports.

For Rates of Freight or Passage apply to

## The Bank Line, Limited.

KING'S BUILDING, PRATA CENTRAL.

TELEPHONE No. 780.

Hongkong, January 11, 1911.

## DIRECT ROUTE TO AMERICA.

## GREAT NORTHERN S.S. CO.

S.S. 'MINNESOTA',  
—23,000 Tons,

CAPTAIN I. W. GARLICK.

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NAGASAKI, KOBE, and  
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FOR

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SAILS FROM HONGKONG ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15th, AT NOON.

DIRECT connection at Seattle with Great Northern and Northern Pacific for all points in the United States and Canada; also with Atlantic Steamship Lines for all points in Great Britain and on the Continent. Direct connection at Hongkong for Straits Settlements, Java, India, London and Paris.

LUXURIOUS PASSENGER ACCOMMODATIONS—Suites and State-rooms (all outside rooms), Music room, Library, Smoking room, Nursery, Laundry, Telephone, etc.

Trans-Pacific Cabin passengers may travel by rail if desired between ports of Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki, without extra charge.

For convenience of coastwise cabin passengers return tickets are interchangeable with regular mail lines between Japan, China and Hongkong.

For full information regarding freight or passage apply to

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 17, 1910.

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## THOS. COOK &amp; SON.

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TWIN EXHIBITION of 1911.

Head Office for the Far East:

16, DES VOUX ROAD,

Hongkong.

39, WATER STREET, Yokohama.

Hongkong, April 4, 1908.

## Dentistry.

# MacEwen Frickel & Co.

AGENTS FOR  
**W. & A. GILBEY, Ltd.**

WINE MERCHANTS,  
**LONDON.**

## SPANISH PORT

A GOOD FRUITY WINE.

**\$12.00 per case.**

## INVALID PORT

A VERY FINE VINTAGE WINE.

**8 Years in Wood.**

**\$22.00 per case.**

## '84 Port

An Exceptionally Fine Light Tawny Wine.

**12 years in Wood. \$24.00.**

## SPANISH SHERRY.

A GOOD SPANISH WINE.

**\$12.00 per case.**

## Natural Montilla Sherry

A Pale, Nutty Sherry, natural and extremely light in Alcohol.

**9 Years Old. \$22.00.**

## MANZANILLA SHERRY

A DELICATE DRY WINE.

**Years Old. \$22.00.**

## SCOTCH WHISKIES.

### THE PROVOST.

A pure Malt Scotch Whisky. Choice Quality and well matured. \$14.00 per case.

### STRATHMILL.

Old "Highland" (Glenlivet) Guaranteed Pure Malt. \$11.00 per case.

### SPEY ROYAL.

Absolutely the Finest Pure Malt Scotch Whisky obtainable. Guaranteed over 10 years old. \$22.00 per case.

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### OLD TOM GIN

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These Gins are Distilled from unmaltered Corn, and highly rectified, and have the delicate flavour of the Juniper Berry.

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### Creme de Menthe

Cherry Brandy

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## BURGUNDIES.

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Special attention given to family requirements.

Complete price list on Application.

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4 DES VUEUX ROAD.

## SUPPLYING CHINA'S NEEDS.

### Interesting Points from Import Returns.

How China's domestic needs are supplied is shown in the detailed figures which appear in the Customs import returns for the year 1900, just issued.

It is interesting to note that well over 25 million gross of matches were sent into the country during the year, the value of those being more than \$1 million.

The Tientsin district took the largest quantity, namely, over five million gross.

The consumption of condensed milk is increasing with every year, and during the twelve months under notice there were 359,220 dozen tins sent into the Empire, at a value of \$773,480. Shanghai took over 80,000 dozens.

Apparently China is becoming less musically-inclined, for we note that the net import of automatic musical instruments is represented by a value of only 2,675, against 12,571 for the previous year.

Opium, etc., the value of the instruments taken was \$8,868, compared with \$109,131 for 1900.

The number of needles sent into China during the year was over four million thousand! This was three times the quantity imported during 1900.

The native cloths of the country were counted during the year by the import of 215,000 bales' worth of percales, this being the biggest import for the past four years. The demand for soap, also, was greater than during any of the four years past, there being 1,682,911, bales' worth used during the twelve months.

There were 1,614,251 umbrellas sent into the country. This was about 70,000 more than the previous year, but considerably fewer than the two years prior to that.

For some reason or other the consumption of tobacco decreased during the year very considerably. The total imports were 62,647 pounds, this figure being about 20,000 pounds less than the 1900 import and only about half of the quantity used in each of the two previous years.

## To-day's Advertisements

### MARINE MOTOR COMPANY.

WANTED, an EXPERT ENGINEER with some capital to take charge of South China Branch of above Company. Salary and Commission.

Address: "SOLA," Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office, Hongkong, February 7, 1911. 175

### WANTED.

FOR COAST PORT, NURSERY GOVERNMENT (European) for two children. Apply with particulars to "K," Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office, Hongkong, February 7, 1911. 174

### WANTED.

OFFICE CLERK well acquainted with shorthand and typewriting. Hours 9 to 12, 2 to 6, Saturdays 12 to 3. Apply by letter only, stating experience and salary required to "STENOGRAPHER," Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office, Hongkong, February 7, 1911. 177

### WANTED.

THERE is an OPENING in a MERCANTILE OFFICE for a youth leaving School. English preferred. With a knowledge of stenography. Apply, with full particulars, to "S. M.," Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office, Hongkong, February 7, 1911. 178

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## To-day's Advertisements

### NOTICE.

CHINA UNITED SERVICES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL PRIZE MEETING of the above Association takes place on MONDAY, March 6th, and following days. Programmes, 10 Cents, and Entry Forms can be had from the Hon. Sec.

ORDNANCE OFFICES, Queen's Road East.

Entries close on February 18th, 1911. Hongkong, February 7, 1911. 173

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 25th day of February, 1911, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1910. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th February to SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1911, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 7, 1911. 136

### A FRESH SHIPMENT

## OF American Apples.

H. RUTTONJEE & SON, WINE & PROVISION MERCHANTS, Hongkong, January 29, 1911.

### FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND MOI.

THE Steamship GREGORY APAR, Captain S. H. BROWN, will be despatched for the above ports on MONDAY, the 13th instant, at Noon.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers, is installed throughout with Electric Light and carries a duly certified Doctor.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN. (Occurring 20 days).

The Steamers leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Kobe (Inland S.S.) returning via Moji, providing a stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan.

Return tickets are available by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Steamers.

For Freight or Passage apply to DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents, Hongkong, February 7, 1911. 182

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship GREGORY APAR having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside the ship.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 2 p.m. of the 9th instant will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of cargo from Singapore and Penang are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside. Such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Y. F. Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents, Hongkong, February 7, 1911. 181

### EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, February 7, 1911.

On London Bank Wire ... 1/5 1/2

On demand ... 1/5 1/2

30 days sight ... 1/5 1/2

60 days sight ... 1/5 1/2

Credit, 4 months sight ... 1/5 1/2

Documentary, 4 months sight ... 1/5 1/2

On Paris ... 223

On demand ... 227

Credit, 4 months sight ... 227

On Berlin ... 181

On demand ... 43

Credit, 60 days sight ... 44

On Bombay ... 131 1/2

On demand ... 131 1/2

On Calcutta ... 131 1/2

Wire ... 131 1/2

On demand ... 131 1/2

On Singapore ... 75 1/2

On demand ... 80 1/2

On Shanghai ... 74 1/2

On demand ... 74 1/2

On Yokohama ... 74 1/2

On demand ... 80 1/2

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) ... 81.30

Sovereigns (Bank's) buying rate ... 81.30

Silver (per oz.) ... 2 1/2

Bar Silver in Hongkong ... 2 1/2

Chinese Copper Cash ... 20 1/2

Copper Cents ... 20 1/2

Rate of Native Interest ... 5 1/2

Chinese Sub. Coin ... 2 1/2

Hongkong Sub. Coin ... 2 1/2

### COST BUT A TRIFLE.

WHILE it is often impossible to prevent an accident, it is never impossible to be prepared. It is not beyond any one's power. Buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and you are prepared for aches, bruises and like injuries. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## SHIPPING

### ARRIVALS.

February 6.

Cori Dieterichsen, German str., 774, Chr. Jurgensen, Haiphong and Hanoi, Feb. 6.

General - JAMES & Co.

Star, German steamer, 185, G. Wohlters, Now - Gultua - January 29 - General - MATCHKUS & Co.

February 7.

Gregory Apar, British str., 2,961, S. H. Nelson, Calcutta, Penang and Singapore Feb. 1, General - DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.

Princess, British steamer, 3,583, J. N. Williamson, Liverpool and Singapore Feb. 1, General - BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Longwang, British steamer, 1,093, F. Wheeler, Manila February 4, General - JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

Derfflinger, German steamer, 5,241, G. Meiners, Yokohama Jan. 28, and Shanghai Feb. 6, Male and Ceped - MATTHEWS & Co.

Prinz Sigismund, German str., 1,844, D. Leitz, Sydney Jan. 14, and Manila Feb. 4, General - MATTHEWS & Co.

Thord, Norwegian str., 1,091, J. Jorgensen, Bangkok and Swatow Feb. 6, Rice - LAAGARD, THOMSEN & Co.

Haiman, British str., 641, A. H. Stewart, Swatow February 6, General - DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., Ltd.

Singha, British str., 1,047, E. Jamieson, Haiphong February 3, Rice and General - BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Steiner, British str., 4,306, A. D. Baker, Shanghai Feb. 4, General - BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Kohai-chung, German steamer, 1,292, G. Meiners, B. Pak and Swatow Feb. 6, Rice - BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Longwang, British str., from Canton, Dagny, Norwegian str., from Canton, Taisuan, Chinese str., from Canton.

### DEPARTURES.

February 7.

Chunyang, for Quang Yen.

Pittsburgh, for Swatow and Singapore.

Haiman, for Haiphong.

Gregory, for Shanghai.

Ward, for Singapore.

Teian, for Manila and Cebu.

Michew, for Swatow and Bangkok.

Haidia, for Swatow and Bangkok.

Haiyang, for Swatow and Fochow.

### CLEARING.

Senbia, for Shanghai and Yokohama.

Eliza Mary, for Singapore and Bombay.

Yedford, for Bangkok.

Longwang, for Palembang.

Ute, for Hongkong.

Steiner, for Singapore and Antwerp.

Longwang, for Shanghai.

Gregory, for Amoy and Singapore.

Kiang Ping, for Chinkiang.

Prometheus, for Shanghai and Yokohama.

Sabine Richman, for Swatow.

### PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Gregory Apar, from Calcutta, &c., Dr. J. J. McConnell, Messrs G. Levy, M. M. Cohen and M. Armaton.

Per Longwang, from Manila, Messrs J. M. Walker, R. Shoulster, N. E. Kellogg, and C. Limberger.

Per Prinz Sigismund, for Hongkong: from Sydney, Mr. J. Breckwoldt, Mr. H. E. Hunsicker, Misses E. Keogh, E. M. Doherty and J. Hongkong; from Amoy, Mr. W. Deussen, W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. N.